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- 1. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE SOLE COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION IS KNOWN AS THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (AHCW), CHAIRED BY MINISTER PRONK.
- 2. ON OF THE FIRST DECISIONS OF THE AHCW WAS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT GROUPS. THE CONTACT GROUPS WOULD INVOLVE MEETINGS OF THE G-77 WITH THE WEO'S, THE G-77 WITH THE EE'S AND, PRESUMABLY, G-77 WITH THE CHINESE. TO DATE, THE ONLY CONTACT GROUP SESSIONS TO TKAE PLACE HAS BEEN BETWEEN THE G-77 AND THE WEO'S. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE G-77 WITH THE EE'S SI TO TAKE PLACE ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 8.
- 3. AT THE SEPTEMBER 5 SESSION OF THE G-77 AND WEO CONTACT GROUP, ALSO CHAIRED BY MINISTER PRONK, A DECISION WAS TAKEN TO ESTABLISH TWO SMALLER NEGOTIATING GROUPS. NEGOTIATING GROUP NO. 1 WILL DEAL WITH THE FIRST TWO SECTIONS OF THE AGENDA: INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND RESOURCE UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANSFERS. THIS GROUP WILL TOO BE CHAIRED BY MINISTER

PRONK. THE SECOND NEGOTIATING GROUP WILL DEAL WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA ITEMS, I.E., FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND FINALLY UN STRUCTURE. THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS GROUP HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED. THESE NEGOTIATING GROUPS WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST MEETINGS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

4. ORGANIZATION OF THE G-77 FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION DESERVES A FEW WORDS: A GROUP OF 27 LDCS
CHAIRED BY MEXICO, AS IS THE G-77, IS THE ACTUAL WORKING FORUM FOR THE G-77. IT IS THE G-27 WHICH PRODUCED
WORKING PAPER NO. 1. THE G-27 IS THE GROUP OF COUNTRIES
WHICH MEETS WITH OTHER GROUPS OF COUNTRIES IN THE AHCW'S
CONTACT GROUP. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE G-27 HAS MADE
INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE G-77 COORDINATION OF
CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. THUS, MINISTER PEREZ GUERRERO,
(VENEZUEAL) IS THE G-77 COORDINATOR FOR ITEMS 1 AND 2 ON
THE AGENDA. MR. DIALLO, UPPER VOLTA IS THE COORDINATOR FOR THE
G-77 FOR THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

5. WE HOPE THAT THIS EXPLANATION OF THE RATHER COMPLICATED SET OF NEGOTIATING GROUPS WILL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN FOLLOWING THE EVENTS WHICH WILL UNFOLD IN NEW YORK.

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